MISSION TO MOSCOW

PART THREE

BY

OLIVER MOSS

Over in DALLAS at a sports club in MOSS and BASCOM are playing squash when McSHANE calls

McSHANE GEORGE PRAVDA has left without telling me

MOSS I told you to keep an eye on him .

WALT BASCOM I have to see my congressman in an hour those hand grenades will not ban themselves from American high schools .

MOSS I wanted your help to find George and get him back mate.

They go out the squash court and head over to the showers.

BASCOM I wouldn't worry too much. What about that wrist communicator we gave him when you got him to the ranch.

MOSS He doesn't answer it, and he could be anywhere by now.

BASCOM Well these showers are a bit hot aren't they HE'S PROBABLY SIMPLY OUT he's just out for a walk in the burbs of DALLAS ..

MOSS Most likely Walt. I hope your right .

WALT BASCOM I READ THAT ARTICLE IN KEEN AS MUSTARD THIS MORNING , and its not as if our trip to Russia is a secret. He probably wants to get out and meet the people.

MOSS You don't suppose the KGB has tracked him from Moscow and has sent some of their agents .

WALT BASCOM Yes it's is possible seeing as most KGB agents their local agents within the vicinity .

They finish there shower and get ready to leave the sports centre.

OLIVER I'll phone HOUSTON .

They part company in the parking lot and Oliver phones his friend Matt Houston as he walks to the yellow sports car.

OLIVER I need your help Matt,George is on the loose and won't answer his wrist communicator.

HOUSTON If this is a search and rescue I'll warm up the chopper.

MOSS it's probably nothing he'll be back this evening But I really don't want evidence of alien life being found by just for anyone and there's one complication .

HOUSTON careful what is this complication

MOSS Walt thinkss maybe the KGB has sent them out agents after him or contacted their local agents

HOUSTON Well he's the expert get on over here now warm up the chopper .

MOSS I'm on my way to HOUSTON TOWERS .

HOUSTON You think I would let you down mate after all we've been through together back in Chicken Chow main province, Vietnam.

By the time OLIVER has made the journey across central DALLAS to Houston Towers and driven into the parking lot, it's late evening. He takes the lift up to the Penthouse and is greeted by MATT HOUSTON as the elevator lift opens.

HOUSTON George didn't have any hard currency on him when he left your pad did he OLIVER.

MOSS He recharges directly from the mains socket and comes light years from your nearest Quickie-mart, pal, you pulling my strings.

HOUSTON I'll get your personal valet to slap you, if you

try and get fresh with me now.

OLIVER Don't forget it was me who pulled you out of Indian territory in chicken cow main province, pal .besides she only slaps me out of sexual frustration.

MATT HOUSTON Alright I give in , SPARKY shall be landing in ten minutes with DORATHY McSHANEE , and I've punched up the layout of your surrounding area.

They walk over to a main console, that dominates the far wall, of the lounge where a map of PALISTINE, TEXUS is showing.

He sweeps the map with his left hand :-

HOUSTON So he's on foot, which limits us to this area here

MOSS We both know the area, most of this forest is dense enough to get lost in .

so using the chopper won't be any use.

HOUSTON No aerial recognisance for SPARKY to practice with , he will be disappointed.

Sparky set down a SKY STRIKER helicopter and descends to Matt's penthouse with Dorothy McSHANEE following.

OLIVER This is a large area of forest to cover, and we still don't know who this man really is.

SPARKY Oh come on BOSS, we gotta trust George now don't

we, he’s almost part of the family.

McSHANEE Alright then boy’s , but we might as well have a baked potato each, before heading out into the back woods of PALISTINE.

MOSS Alright then darling, put the spuds on MATT Phone QUINCY and say we'll be at DYSTRA'S this evening .

Walt Bascom, a middle aged man in Hawaiian shirt pulls up in his Chevrolet and walks over the maroon marble floor to a blue and pink lift and ascends to the top and he joins the other three in the lounge next to the open plan kitchen .
Walt Bascom I’ve been sitting in on a senate sub committee meeting banning hand grenades from high schools , so I hope this is interesting.
He joins them on a LOIS ESCARGOT SOFA opposite a wall mounted LCD monitor .
MATT HOUSTON If you see this map of the area if George made it out of town and over this rope bridge there's four hundred miles of of Jungle .
SPARKY So this field mouse wanted to get across that rope bridge and he waited for an elephant then crawled up her legs and whispered in her ears .
MOSS YOU'VE PUT GAS IN THE CAR
SPARKY YES BOSS. Iif you can get me across that rope bridge I'll be ever so grateful my family are on the other side .
MOSS IN THE JUNGLE
SPARKY And the elephant says I wouldn't normally do it but if you climb in my ear and then climb down my leg when I get to the other side
McSHANEE THE MOUSE CRAWLED IN HER EAR .
SPARKY The elephant starts walking across these rope bridge but one of the wooden slats is broken and the elephant blows it trunk and mouse is confused and shouts .
MOSS suffer babies suffer .
H OUSTON Moving swiftly on we're dividing our search into areas and pairing off for a rescue party .

BE QUICKER WITH MY DRINK NEXT TIME EARTHLING

In DALLAS A large stocky figure enters OLIVER DYSTRAS POOL HALL

Arthur is busy behind the bar serving customers as the SONTARON walks in wearing a large hat and trench coat. George walks past finding an alcove seat. Taking off his panama hat and revealing his bald head GEORGE PRAVDA turns to waitress .

WAITRESS You not from around these parts are you ,you want ice in it.

GEORGE PRAVDA Can i hev 20p fo my bus fair ,No madam I'm not from around here .

At Houston Towers the rescue party walks out of the lounge area and into the blue and pink lift that takes them down to the lobby then go down the red and white corridor to reception and into the morning sunshine .

SPARKY gets into the FORD CAPRE followed by MOSS and McSHANEE and Guns the engine pulling out into the mid morning traffic, checking his rear view mirror to seeBASCOME'S CHEVROLET following behind and they drive through town centre to the BURBS.

He swings the Capri off the highway and then into the loose gravel car park of DYSTRAS POOL HALL .

GEORGE PRAVDA leaves walking past THE CHEVROLET onto the highway towards a rope bridge to explore the 500 acres of Jungle the other side .

BASCOM walks through the louvre doors where RAWHIDE is playing on the jukebox and there's a healthy trade of customers sitting on round tables with red check tablecloths munching on kibbles and bits and bits and bits .

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MOSS If they find GEORGE as an extraterrestrial they might start doing experiments haven't you seen ET .McSHANE lets start showing the publicity photos anyway before the KGB catch him.

BASCOM The last thing I want is for them to identify him as an extraterrestrial

HOUSTON I'm just worried that the KGB have alerted some of their local operatives in the area ,and I've ever so glad that you're here Walt

McSHANE Even Congress has you an advisor because you can spot communist from five hundred paces .

BASCOM Yeah that's what made my career out spotting a communist from 500 paces I work closely with the Israeli ambassador .

McSHANEE REALY

BASCOM

HOUSTON You have salted the Middle East and Peace crisis .

BASCOM yeah Just by putting supermarkets and widening the range of goods from the deli counter .You can always tell a jew he walks from the the fresh fruit department to the deli counter and only wants 1 oz of CHEESE .

They go over to a pine table and sit in Chrome and wicker chairs and wait for the waitress to come over and order drinks.

MOSS I hate a communist as much as you but I think they

might be after GEORGE .

HOUSTON We did not have permission to take GEORGE from GORKY PARK, RUSSIA where he was selling fruit and veg

MOSS KGB assassins ? keep an eye out for anyone in a Davy Crocket hat speaking Russian .

HOUSTON Just gonna speak to Tony Vincento Sparky have a game of pool with QUINCY before we leave.

MOSS and HOUSTON go up to Vincenzo and and shows him a picture of GEORGE PRAVDA ..

TONY VINCHENZO Yeah I've seen him he was here just before you arrived Some good old boy spun him a yarn about moonshine and said there was a still somewhere in the 500 Acre jungle and he walked out the door if you run you'll catch him .

MOSS Well I'd love to stay in chat we'll go and catch George quickly

BASCOM I'll follow-on in my Chevrolet

Before sundown GEORGE PRAVDA leaves the pool hall and heading into a strong gust of wind out of town, with his disguise of trench coat and glasses.

It's early evening and will be light for two more hours , and he wants to explore the outskirts of DALLAS.

He starts trudging along the undergrowth picking his way between trees and fallen branches until he comes to a run down shack. Out come a backwoodsman with an axe who shouts " WHAT ARE YOU

DOING OUT HERE IN THE COUNTRY, miles from civilisation .

GEORGE DIDN'T MEAN TO STARTLE YOU COMMRADE i'm not from these parts. How are you.

BUDDY IBSEN THIS IS MY MOONSHINE STILL, Eliot Ness has been searching for since prohibition, that's how long I been brewing .

BACK AT DYSTRAS

QUINCY It was then that I saw the Farmhouse and I knew I could get close

VINCHENZO Not because of the Germans that because those French cows are not fussy .

KEMP It's just some from equipment for my Chateau in the country .

FISHER Others say I'm a mean-beast and cut things very fine .

KEMP cold Ham cold eggs gherkins soda Walter .

FISHER The Open Roads the country Highway it's all the same for us river-bankers .

VINCHENZO I had to tell my dog off for worrying the sheep .

QUINCY He was sitting by the fence growing mint sauce .

When he gets to the bar there is a rock Hudson impersonator ordering a bloody mary in a brown sports jacket.

The FORD ORION pulls up at speed on the loose gravel car park and Moss and McSHANEe get out with Sparky and run over the rope bridge just as the Chevrolet Skids to a halt on the loose gravel car park and BASCOM runs over the rope bridge

MOSS we'll split into two groups McSHANE go with BASCOM and me and Sparky will take the west side keep in touch via walkie talkie .

McSHANEE ThatS a 10-4 my buddy you've got some smokies on your tail .

SPARKY Well get rid of them smoke is before JW PEPPER of theCALAFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL catches up with us .

They pair off trudging through the undergrowth surveying the area and Moss hears a mouth organ and he and SPARKY walk towards it to find a clearing . GEORGE PRAVDA sitting on a tree stump outside a tent next to a large silver distillery with three Barrels connected by tubing in his trench coat and through be hats and dark glasses .

BUDDY IBSEN You fancy a snort, " and passes the bottle of spirit to GEORGE.

MATT HOUSTON We been worrying about you

McSHANEE What have you been up to then GEORGE.

Sparky flies MOSS , McSHAN, PRAVDA, and IBSEN from Houston Towers in a SKYSTRIKER helicopter over SEABREEZE ACHERS where slogans can be seen on out buildings in large neon signs

you don't get out for now

where there's much there's blast

suffer babies suffer

The helicopter lands in front of the main building and PRAVDA helps IBSEN move in to the lodge.

McSHANE so when you gonna collect your moonshine distillery IBSEN

SPARKY What about that other investigation MOSS, that secretary we caught luring men away from the Tennis club before our mission to Moscow.